
CHAPTER 6 INCOME

Section 1 Income Eligibility Determination

2. Review the household member's documentation of current participation in the income-qualifying program and select the type of proof shown in the client's file.
 3. Ask the number in the client's household and document it in the client's file. Refer to the "Definition of Household" policy in this chapter.
 4. Document the client's self-reported current household income in the file. The client is not required to show documentation of income; the family member's documentation of participation in the income-qualifying program is sufficient.
- A. Determine the client's current gross monthly household income and household size and compare to the WIC Income Eligibility Standards **if neither of the criteria listed in A or B above is met.**
1. Ask the client's current gross monthly household income. Net income is used to determine income eligibility for farmers or self-employed persons. Refer to the "Definition of Income" policy in this chapter for more information.

Note: When the client's household income fluctuates each month due to seasonal changes, or annual income is a better indicator of the household's financial status, use the client's annual income from the previous 12 months. Refer to the "Income Averaging" policy in this chapter.
 2. Review documentation of income and document in the client's file.
 3. Ask the number in the client's household and document it in the client's file. Refer to the "Definition of Household" policy in this chapter.
 4. Compare the client's household income and household size to the Statewide WIC Income Eligibility Standards and determine if the client is income eligible.
- B. Schedule a certification appointment for all income-eligible clients to assess nutrition risk eligibility.
- C. Provide income ineligible applicants with appropriate written notification, e.g. the "Not Eligible" letter. This requirement applies only to applicants who are present in the clinic, not to those who apply over the phone and are determined over income.
- D. Refer all income ineligible applicants/clients to other financial, food or medical services.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATEWIDE WIC INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS
EFFECTIVE DATE: APRIL 1, 2009 TO MARCH 31, 2010**

TABLE OF WIC ELIGIBILITY BY GROSS INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$ 835	\$ 771	\$ 386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$1,124	\$1,037	\$ 519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$1,303	\$ 652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$1,700	\$1,569	\$ 785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$1,988	\$1,836	\$ 918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$2,277	\$2,102	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$2,565	\$2,368	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$2,853	\$2,634	\$1,317
9	\$75,388	\$6,283	\$3,142	\$2,900	\$1,450
10	\$82,307	\$6,859	\$3,430	\$3,166	\$1,583
11	\$89,226	\$7,436	\$3,718	\$3,432	\$1,716
12	\$96,145	\$8,013	\$4,007	\$3,698	\$1,849
13	\$103,064	\$8,589	\$4,295	\$3,964	\$1,982
14	\$109,983	\$9,166	\$4,583	\$4,231	\$2,116
15	\$116,902	\$9,742	\$4,871	\$4,497	\$2,249
16	\$123,821	\$10,319	\$5,160	\$4,763	\$2,382
17	\$130,740	\$10,896	\$5,449	\$5,030	\$2,516
18	\$137,659	\$11,473	\$5,738	\$5,297	\$2,650
19	\$144,578	\$12,050	\$6,027	\$5,564	\$2,784
20	\$151,497	\$12,627	\$6,316	\$5,831	\$2,918

For each additional member add:	Annually	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
	\$6,919	\$577	\$289	\$267	\$134

Annually – amount is based on total income received for 1 year.

Monthly – income is received 1X per month.

Twice Monthly – income is received 2X per month. Multiply by 2 for monthly equivalent.

Bi-Weekly – income is received every 2 weeks. Multiply by 2.15 for monthly equivalent.

Weekly – income is received every week. Multiply by 4.3 for monthly equivalent.

Information:

Federal regulations set WIC income eligibility at 185% of the federal poverty level.

Local agencies will implement the new standards on April 1st of each year.